

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 9, lines 12-13, change "The portion of the attachment plate 72 engaging the screw bar 74 is made thicker, as indicated by symbol 72a, so" to --The attachment plate 72 has a protruded portion 72a at its center where it is penetrated by the screw bar 74 so--

Page 12, line 1, after "out" insert --of the air cylinder 66'--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-5 as non-elected claims.

Please amend claims 6 and 12-17 as follows:

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6. (Amended) A packaging machine comprising:  
a cylindrical chute;  
means for bending an elongated bag-making film into a tubular form around said chute  
[by mutually overlapping] and causing side edges of said film to be mutually overlapped;  
a heater unit for longitudinally sealing said mutually overlapping side edges of said film;  
an air cylinder both for moving said heater unit between a sealing position at which said heater unit contacts said film and a retracted position at which said heater unit is separated from said chute and for controlling compressive force with which said heater unit at said sealing position compresses said film against said chute;  
air-pressure generating means for generating from a single air source having an initial air pressure both a higher air pressure for moving said heater unit and a lower air pressure, lower than said higher air pressure, for controlling said compressive force; and  
switching means for selectively switching between supplying to said air cylinder  
[selectively either] said higher pressure to thereby move said heater unit with respect to said film  
[or] and supplying to said air cylinder said lower pressure to thereby control said compressive force.

12. (Amended) The packaging machine of claim 6 further comprising means for [controllingly varying] controlling variation of said lower pressure while said lower pressure is being supplied to said air cylinder.

13. (Amended) The packaging machine of claim 7 further comprising means for [controllingly varying] controlling variation of said lower pressure while said lower pressure is being supplied to said air cylinder.

14. (Amended) The packaging machine of claim 8 further comprising means for [controllingly varying] controlling variation of said lower pressure while said lower pressure is being supplied to said air cylinder.

23 15. (Amended) The packaging machine of claim 9 further comprising means for [controllingly varying] controlling variation of said lower pressure while said lower pressure is being supplied to said air cylinder.

16. (Amended) The packaging machine of claim 10 further comprising means for [controllingly varying] controlling variation of said lower pressure while said lower pressure is being supplied to said air cylinder.

17. (Amended) The packaging machine of claim 11 further comprising means for [controllingly varying] controlling variation of said lower pressure while said lower pressure is being supplied to said air cylinder.